

**Amendments to the Claims**

Please cancel claims 17-20, 22-30, 39, 41-47, 49-55, and 60-80 without prejudice.

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and/or listings of claims in the application:

1-47. (Canceled)

48. (Currently amended): A pharmaceutical composition, comprising:

a) a growth hormone-releasing hormone (GHRH) ~~GHRH~~-analogue or a ~~pharmaceutical~~-pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in an amount effective to stimulate secretion or synthesis of growth hormone in a mammal in need thereof, said GHRH analogue or salt consisting ~~essentially~~ of the formula: Tyr-D-Ala<sup>2</sup>-Asp-Ala-Ile-Phe-Thr-Asn-Ser-D-Tyr<sup>10</sup>-Arg-Lys-Val-Leu-D-Ala<sup>15</sup>-Gln-Leu-Ser-Ala-Arg-Lys-Lys<sup>22</sup>-Leu-Gln-Asp-Ile-Met-Ser-Arg-NH<sub>2</sub>; and

b) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

49-80. (Canceled)

81. (New): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 48, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is sterile water.

82. (New): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 48, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is a saline solution.

83. (New): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 48, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is a buffered solution.

84. (New): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 48, further comprising one or more diluents.

85. (New): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 48, further comprising one or more stabilizers.

86. (New): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 48, further comprising one or more preservatives.

87. (New): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 48, further comprising one or more wetting agents.

88. (New): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 48, further comprising one or more emulsifying agents.

89. (New): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 48, further comprising one or more pH buffering agents.

90. (New): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 48, further comprising one or more viscosity enhancing agents.

91. (New): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 48, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is in a form suitable for injection.

92. (New): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 48, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is in a form suitable for topical administration.

93. (New): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 48, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is in a form suitable for inhalation.

94. (New): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 48, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is in a form suitable for intranasal administration.

95. (New): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 48, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is in a form suitable for oral administration.

96. (New): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 48, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is in a form suitable for transdermal administration.

97. (New): The pharmaceutical composition of claim 48, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is in a form suitable for transmucosal administration.